

Remarks

Claims 1-11 and 13-27 were pending in the application. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended, and claims 9-11 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 8. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-27 are now pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7, 9 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 7 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejection to claim 7 should be withdrawn. Further, claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all the elements of its rejected base claim (claim 7) and claims 9 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 8. Therefore, claims 9 and 13 are in condition for allowance.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 10 and 11 were previously withdrawn from consideration. However, claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from allowed generic claim 8. Therefore, these claims should be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6 and 14-27 have been allowed in the Office action. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, it is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

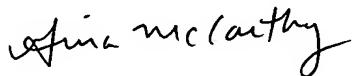
For at least the reasons submitted above, Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-27 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than allowance of the pending claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney at (408) 297-9733.

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